Malaria.

488.*MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of malarial attacks this year in the taluks of Minachil and Thodupuzha respectively ;

(*b*) whether there were revivals for those who were previously attacked ; and

(*c*) in how many centres quinine is supplied by Government in each of these taluks ?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*) : (*a*) The total number of attendance of malaria patients in the hospitals, dispensaries and quinine treatment centres of the two taluks this year are 14929 in Meenachil taluk and 9887 in Todupuzha taluk.

(*b*) The large majority of cases are relapses in those who were previously attacked. Fresh infections are few.

(*c*) Quinine is distributed from 7 centres in the Meenachil taluk.

Names of centres are given below.

Thodupuzha taluk.

1. District Hospital, Thodupuzha.
2. Temporary Malaria Dispensary at Arakulam.
3. Do. at Karikode.
4. Quinine distribution centre at Kaliyar.
5. Do. Karimannoor.
6. Do. Udumbannoor.
7. Do. Nedumattam.

Meenachil Taluk.

1. District Hospital, Palai.
2. Government Dispensary, Poonjar.
3. Do. Ramapuram.
4. Quinine Distribution centre at Kurummannur.
5. Do. Ambara,
6. Do. Ingoli.
7. Do. Kondadu.

MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI : May I know whether any recent requisition has been received from Thodupuzha for establishing more centres for quinine distribution ?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI : Yes, Sir. But the present condition of the malarial epidemic does not warrant the institution of more centres for that taluk. However, when it manifests an increase in the incidents, we shall do so.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know the total number of attacks of malaria throughout the State of Travancore this year ?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI : Sir, no statistics are available.....

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MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: In 1120, the figure has been given. I want to know the total number of malarial patients for the whole of Travancore. That for the Meenachil Taluk and the Thodupuzha taluk are given.

PRESIDENT: How does anybody know that? When a man is attacked by Malaria he consults generally an Ayurvedic Physician and he says it is a case of *pithom* or *kabham* and things like that. It is only after the development of the disease to a certain stage that he goes to the hospital. Until then what happens is, he takes some *kashayam*.

Scarcity of water.

489. *MR. J. T. MORAIS (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the scarcity of water experienced by the people of the coastal villages of Parithiyoor and Kollenkode for drinking purposes; and

(*b*) whether any well has been sunk by Government for supplying good water to the inhabitants?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. J. T. MORAIS: May I know how many wells have been sunk in that particular area?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Five wells have been sunk. One of the wells yields a perennial supply of water to the particular place to which the honourable member has referred.

MR. J. T. MORAIS: May I know whether that well is maintained properly?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: That well is a very good one. That is the report. I have not seen it myself.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Karthigapalli*): Are not tube wells better in coastal areas?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: They get clogged very soon and they have been a failure throughout.

PRESIDENT: Wherever the sub-soil is clay or what may be called gummy, you cannot have tube wells because it gets blocked up by sand. It is only where there is sand that the tube wells are good.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Will not the R. C. wells become useless after a time?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: The water becomes saltish. In the post-war scheme, a chain of wells is being thought of along the coastal areas.

MR. J. T. MORAIS: May I know whether the honourable member has been to the spot?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: I have seen some of the wells of Kollamcode, but not Paruthiyoor.

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